OLD ENGLAND.

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Omne animi vitium tanto conſpectius in ſe
Crimen habet, quanto major qui peccat habetur. JUV.

THE Papers we ſhall give the Public on the Liberty of the Preſs, come from a Gentleman who has nothing elſe in View but the Service of his Country; and therefore chuſes to communicate his Thoughts to the World, on that important Occaſion, by our Paper, as the moſt general and public Way. As his Endeavours coincide with our Purpoſe for the public Good, we can't refuſe our Paper the Honour and the World the Satisfaction they will receive from this Gentleman's generous Labours, in Defence of the moſt valuable Branch of our Conſtitution; to which we owe our being a free People! which brought us out of the *Houſe of Bondage*, and gave us Laws of our own making, and a King of our own chuſing: The Bulwark of our Lives and Fortunes, and our ſtrong Wall of Defence againſt Innovations of all kind and from every Side! the great Barrier betwixt *Prerogative* and *Privilege!* and ever the Dread of bad Miniſters; who, while they look upon it, always curſe it, as *Satan* does the Sun in *Milton:* As it diſcovers and checks their iniquitous Practices, it is no Wonder their Machinations ſhould be at Work to deſtroy this ſtrong *Palladium* of *Britiſh* Liberty and Happineſs.——But I detain the Reader too long from better Entertainment and Inſtruction, and am therefore debarr'd from making the Encomium I meant on our preſent moſt *excellent*, moſt *able*, moſt *learned*, and moſt *diſintereſted* Miniſters!

A Malicious and ſcandalous Report has lately diffuſed itſelf through the Nation, whereby it is confidently aſſerted, and many have been made to believe, that our Miniſtry have taken a Reſolution of putting an End to the Liberty of the Preſs: I cannot forbear calling it a malicious and ſcandalous Report, for tho' ſomething of this Sort has been avowed in a Letter to the *Tories* lately publiſhed, yet I look upon what is there thrown out as the Effect only of that peculiar Violence with which the Author is always carried in Purſuit of every Object, to which he finds himſelf at any Time attached; of that Violence of Temper, which heretofore prevailed when he flamed with Patriot Zeal; and which now too prevails, when he out-runs the Purpoſes and even Deſires of thoſe who were not long ſince, in his Opinion, the great Enemies of Liberty, and Bane of the Happineſs of this Country. There is another thing which I own affects me more, and it is, that a Perſon, veſted with great Power, is ſaid, ſome time ſince, to have declared that the Liberty of the Preſs ſhall not ſurvive the next Seſſions of Parliament. I cannot however give Credit to ſo improbable a Story, not on Account of the Preſumption of ſuch a Declaration, whereby a ſingle Perſon undertakes to pronounce what five hundred and more new-elected Members, who every Man of them ought to be independent of him, ſhall do: No, I have other and many Reaſons for refuſing my Belief to this Report, for thinking it impoſſible that our Miniſtry ſhould form ſo wicked and deſtructive a Deſign, notwithſtanding ſome Incidents, ſome Expreſſions dropt in a public Aſſembly, during the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, which ſeem to encourage ſuch a Suppoſition; and notwithſtanding the Miniſtry have not thought fit to appeaſe the Uneaſineſs of the People by any Diſavowal of ſuch a Project. The Royal Family, it is to be preſumed, at all Times and in every Reſpect has been and will be treated with all Decency and due Regard, if not by every Individual, at leaſt by thoſe who, enjoying Places of great Dignity and Profit under them, have the particular Ties of perſonal Favour and Obligation added to that of Duty, which is univerſally incumbent on all; for this Reaſon, it is impoſſible to imagine that a Miniſtry can be ſo devoid of all Modeſty, as to think of caſting ſuch a Blemiſh on the Luſtre of a Houſe which has been called into the Support of the Rights and Liberties of the People, and has hitherto protected them with ſo great Glory to itſelf and Happineſs to the People, as, during the Time that they ſway the Sceptre of theſe Kingdoms, to cut up the very Root of all Liberty; and this for what mighty Purpoſe? Not for Prevention of Aſperſions of the Royal Houſe; they ſcarce ever happen, ſcarce ever any one is found ſo proſtitute and abandoned as to go ſuch Lengths; and if at any Time malicious Inſinuations are thrown out, they are ſure to be received, on one Hand, with ſuitable Deteſtation of the Author, and, on the other, ſerve but to promote and encreaſe the Affection of a People loyal almoſt to a Degree of Adoration: They die away of themſelves as ſoon as they are born and ſee the Light, needing no other Circumſtance than their own Impotency and Malignity to deſtroy them; which, no doubt, is the genuine Reaſon why leſs Notice is generally taken of them by a Miniſtry, than of ſome other Reflections. For what mighty Purpoſe then can this deep and dangerous Scheme be ſuppoſed to be laid? Why, for no other Purpoſe forſooth, than that the Miniſtry themſelves may avoid ſome inſignificant Jeſt, or, to grant them the moſt they can pretend, ſome malicious invidious Sarcaſm; for it is eaſily proved, that all public Inconveniences are ſo over-balanced by infinitely greater Conveniencies, that there can remain no other Motive; that there can be no other Motive, they themſelves, if their Candour is not in vain boaſted, will be oblig'd to allow: And it would be doing them great Injuſtice to imagine, that ſo inconſiderable a temporary Advantage, ſuch little ſelfiſh Views, could tempt them to overturn the Liberties of a great and flouriſhing People, and introduce a Train of Calamities, which I ſhall endeavour to ſhew, in the following Treatiſe, muſt inevitably enſue from ſuch a Proceeding.

There appears very little Reaſon why ſo great an Alarm ſhould ſpread itſelf amongſt the People, who have ſo ample Security for this invaluable Privilege; ſince it is impoſſible to ſuppoſe, that there can be any Man found, of any tolerable Degree of Senſe or Character, capable of conceiving ſuch Wickedneſs: But, granting the Poſſibility of ſuch Proſtitution in a ſingle Perſon, it is impoſſible that any Number of Men ſhould be found ſo loſt to all Honeſty as to be willing to execute it; and if there ſhould be found thoſe willing to execute, all Degrees of Men, every Town, all the great Companies, every Body-Corporate, every Man in Trade as well as every private Perſon, every Man of any religious Principles of whatever Perſuaſion or Sect, even thoſe who cannot read as well as thoſe who can read, will find themſelves, when the Caſe is fairly ſtated to them, all ſo deeply intereſted in this great Foundation of all Liberty and Property, that ſuch a Scheme muſt neceſſarily be attended with ſuch univerſal Oppoſition from all Quarters, that there can remain no Hopes of Succeſs.

I will not deſcend ſo low as to endeavour ſtirring up the Paſſions of thoſe (how numerous ſoever they are) whoſe Curioſity and habituated Affection to News would make them very ſorry to be deprived of all other public Accounts except that of the *Gazette*. The Dimunition too of no inconſiderable public Revenue, ariſing from Stamps of News-Papers, which is now ſupplied as it were by voluntary Contributions, and muſt be replaced by other Taxes which will probably be paid with more Reluctance and not without ſome Degree of even grudging, is ſome Object: But I will not ſtop here; nor will I employ much Time for conſidering this Affair in a Light in which, however, I think it deſerves much to be conſidered; I mean the Effect and Influence which it will have on a particular Sett of Men. For my own Part, I ſhould be glad never to find Occaſion to take Pen in Hand again; it is always done with Reluctance by me; it is but a diſagreeable Taſk to blame, and for Commendation, the Opportunity, if I was diſpoſed, very ſeldom offers: As a Writer then, I am very little concerned; as a Struggler for Liberty, a great deal; as much perhaps, as deeply, as ſeriouſly, as any other Man whatever, becauſe I hope I have it as much at Heart. But how ill ſoever the Conſequence may be of ſubjecting a new Sett of Men to an arbitrary Tribunal and Power in a Country where ſo many Setts of Men have been already, and that too of late Years, made dependent by Exciſe-Laws, the Eſtabliſhment of Funds, ſtanding Armies, and new-created Places, I will not dwell long on that Subject; I will not confine myſelf to ſo narrow Bounds; I will conſider this Scheme in a more general Light, by which the whole Society will not conſequentially only and in Part, as in the foregoing Caſe, but directly and fundamentally be affected.

If we trace our Liberty from its firſt Sources, and purſue it thro' all its Advancements and Progreſs to the Perfection which it has at length attained, in what did we in the beginning, do we now, or ſhall we ever, differ from the moſt ſlaviſh People who groan under *Turkiſh* Dominion, or from the moſt ſavage and barbarous Nations who inhabit either *Africa* or the *Indies*, but in that Spirit and Reſolution whereby we adhere to Liberty and Juſtice? Perhaps it will be ſaid, that we differ in a well-conſtructed Syſtem of Laws, which, by limiting our Monarchy, ſecures the Subject from Violence and Oppreſſion.

But the Queſtion ſtill recurs, by what Means were thoſe Laws obtained? by what Means are they ſtill ſupported? If an Aſſembly of the States, endued with a Light of Underſtanding equal to the great Cauſe of Liberty, laid thoſe Foundations, on which our preſent Happineſs is built; may not a Parliament, ſlaviſh in its Sentiments, corrupt in its Principles, ſubject to Fear and Ignorance, undo in a ſhort Time the Work of ſo many Ages, rivet our Chains, and give the mock unnatural Authority of legiſlative Sanction to Slavery. It is an eternal Truth, that there is as much Courage, Circumſpection, and Virtue, requiſite to uphold and defend, as ever there was to procure and obtain: Vice will with more Certainty and ſwifter Progreſs deſtroy, than Induſtry can raiſe. Laws too, are not only to be conſider'd as revokable, but as conſtrued and interpreted by Men; and they will always be conſtrued and interpreted according to the Complexion, Diſpoſition, Honeſty or Diſhoneſty, of thoſe who preſide at the Head of the Law, providing they are ſecure of an Indemnification. The Law in itſelf is but a dead Letter, or perhaps ſometimes worſe, an Engine of Miſchief and Oppreſſion in ſome Circumſtances: It is indeed to the People as a Shield or Weapon, but a Shield or Weapon

is of very little Service if not in skilful and valiant Hands; and 'tis a Weapon which may be used against as well as for the People. It is the Spirit of the Nation alone, which, on one Hand, must give Force and Energy to the true Meaning of the Law; and, on the other, be a Check on the Abuse of it.

It is this Spirit alone, which is the Bulwark of our Constitution; it is this Spirit, founded on Notions of everlasting Truth and Equity, tho' brave yet just, tho' bold yet cool and discerning, tho' curious and watchful not over-hasty or seditious; it is This which gave Birth to, This which has nursed up, This which has strengthened and confirmed, This which maintains and supports, our Liberty: 'Tis to Liberty and Freedom what the Soul is to the Body; it is the first Spring of Life, the constant vivifying Flame, it's inseparable Companion, without which it must soon die away and perish. For I believe it will be granted me, that if there was no one at any Time to defend, there would sometimes be many to invade; nor can we expect always to find a Ministry free from Ambition, Rapaciousness, Cruelty, and Corruption, tho' our present Ministry are so happily distinguished by the contrary Characteristics.

(To be continued.)

N. B. *The* Swedish *Letter shall not miss of it's Turn.*

To the AUTHOR, *&c.*

SIR,

AS I find you are going to publish some Dissertations on the Liberty of the Press, which is apprehended to be at this Time in some Danger, you would do well to admonish the Daily Papers to avoid giving any Umbrage to the Enemies of it, to justify an Attempt upon it. There have been very licentious Reflections published among them, highly detrimental to innocent private Characters: People have been threatened in Advertisements, that if they did not do such and such Persons Justice, or pay such and such Debts, (when perhaps none due) they should have their Names exposed to the Public. This is a very unjustifiable Way of Proceeding, and falling very little short of Incendiary or Threatning Letters, deserves to be alike punished. We have had the Character of our good City-Patriot, who does Honour to his Country, very indecently attacked, in Behalf of some mean Shopkeepers, on Account of Hawkers and Pedlars, whom he has no Power to restrain; for being licensed by Law, they are well entitled to vend their Wares. We have lately likewise had another worthy Representative of our City most scurrilously abused, on an Apprehension of his having defeated the Insolvent Bill last Sessions; to the great Disappointment and Mortification of a Sett of Cheats, who had *occasionally* made themselves Prisoners merely to defraud their Creditors. If the News-Writers go on in this Manner, it will give no small Countenance and Encouragement to an Attack upon the Liberty of the Press, which is brought into Danger by their own Indiscretion and Folly: They will therefore do well to be cautious, and reform before it be too late.

Your humble Servant,

AMICUS.

LONDON.

Wednesday his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury took the Oaths in the House of Peers.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint the Right Hon. Lord De la Ware, Governor of Tilbury-Fort, in the Room of Lieutenant-General Williamson, deceased.

Wednesday a Court Martial was held at the Judge Advocate's in Privy-Garden, Whitehall, when General Wade was President, on the Trial of Serjeant Smith, who was lately brought from Scotland, for Deserting into the Service of the French, and afterwards to that of the Rebels; and, after Hearing, and the Facts being prov'd, he was found Guilty.

It is said, that diligent Search is making after some certain Persons, who have (in Disregard of our lenitive Laws) return'd to this Kingdom, from whence they were ordered to depart; and whose Return, it is strongly suspected is chiefly to disturb our Quiet.

'Tis, said, that to the three Regiments of Foot-Guards two Companies of Grenadiers will be added, which are to be taken out of the Hatmen.

The Widow of Dr. Blackwell, who was executed at Stockholm, is petitioning for a Pension, which it is hoped she will obtain, being left quite destitute of any Support since her Husband's Death.

Monday Morning a Woman attemped to drown herself near Marybone, but was prevented by some People coming by, but in the Evening she was found hang'd in an empty House near Marybone.

On Tuesday Night a Fire broke out at a Chymist's near King Edward's Stairs in Wapping, which burnt with such Violence, though there was all possible Help, yet it consumed and damaged seven Houses before it could be extinguished.

Tuesday fifty Barbers were convicted before the Commissioners of Excise, for using Flour in their Business instead of Powder.

Last Week was seized at Hadham in Suffolk, by a Party of Soldiers, Thomas Cheesman, alias Butcher Tom, an out-law'd Smuggler, for the taking of whom a Reward of 500 l. has been offered.

A few Days ago Mr. Josson, a Cooper in the Borough, was robbed by three Footpads near Walworth of his Watch and three Guineas. They cut out one of his Eyes with a Hanger, which has greatly endanger'd his Life.

Monday the State Lottery began Drawing at Guildhall, when the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. No. 18,151, 500 l. as first drawn Ticket; 27,188, 5000 l. 33,961, 1000 l. 3,369, 500 l. 16,711, 6,438, 37,290, 9,680, 28,927, and 46,171, of a 100 l. each.

Tuesday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. 48,735, 500 l. 33,063, 39,600, and 7,464, of a 100 l. each.

Wednesday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. 9,516, 6,874, 29,285, 31,914, and 26,607, of 100 l. each.

Thursday Number 16,290 was drawn a Prize of 1000 l. and Numbers 5,632, 44,732, 40,536, 36,664, 16,489, 36,658, 8,383, 29,768, Prizes of 100 l. each.

Such Diligence is us'd in fitting out the Men of War, which compos'd the brave Admiral Hawke's Squadron, that they will be ready to put to Sea in a few Days.

The Squadron under Admiral Boscawen has been separated to the Westward of the Lizard; but as we don't hear of any Damage received, it will not be of any ill Consequence, as Madeira is appointed for their general Rendezvous.

The Montford, Capt. Anslop, from Bengal, arrived at Portsmouth, was chased off of the Island of St. Paul for five Hours, by M. Bourdenaye, the French Admiral, who had with him two Men of War of seventy Guns, and two of twenty; but Night coming on, lost Sight of him.

Capt. Anslop left Bengal 28th of Feb. last, and brings the following Advice, viz. That he parted with the Salisbury, Burrows; Marlborough, Smith; and Kent, Robson; to the Eastward of the Cape; and that the Britannia, Sommer, was sailed from Fort St. David's for England, a single Ship; the Exeter, Weston, lost her Passage to Bombay, and went to Fort St. David's; the Dragon, Kent, and Onslow, Congreve, from Benjar, were sailed for China; and the Houghton, Worth, was sailed from Bencoolen for Bengal.

There is also an Account, that the Governor Hynd, Governor of Fort St. David's, was dead.

There is an Account from Fort St. David's, that Commodore Griffin, with nine Men of War, sailed from thence the 14th of February last to attack Pondicherry.

Extract of a Letter from Bristol, Nov. 24.

"Very early this Morning arrived the Tyger Privateer, Capt. Siex, and the Tygress Privateer, both from a Cruize, and have brought in the Conqueror Privateer of St. Sebastians, of 20 Guns, Nine-Pounders, and 230 Men: The Tyger took her after three Hours Engagement, in which between thirty and forty Spaniards were killed, and only one killed and one wounded of the English. This Privateer had been five Days out of St. Sebastians, and the Day before she met the Tyger took the Sally, Mesnard, from London to Philadelphia, richly laden with Bale Goods, and sent her to St. Sebastians. The Sally sailed from Torbay with Admiral Boscawen, but parted from him 60 Leagues to the Westward of the Lizard in a Gale of Wind."

The Commander of the above Spanish Privateer is an Italian by Birth, and a Man of whom the French have so great an Opinion, that they are now building a Ship of 40 Guns at St. Maloes, which he was to Command, as soon as she was ready to proceed to Sea.

Wednesday the Merchants and Insurers of this City began a Subscription for a handsome Piece of Plate, to be presented to Capt. Siex, of the Tyger Privateer, for his good Services, having before taken a French Privateer of 26 Guns and 300 Men.

The Tartar Privateer of Bristol, Capt. Thurman, from Newfoundland for Leghorn, with Fish, arrived at Gibraltar the first of October, who off the Canaries, fell in with the Pearle, a Spanish Register Ship from the Havannah, engaged her for three Hours, and would certainly have taken her, had not one of his Guns burst. 'Tis supposed the Pearle went into the Canaries to refit.

By a Letter from Petersburgh to a Person of Distinction in London, we have an Account, that 30,000 Russians have at last began their March, to join the Allied Army. They set out some Months ago; but the Distance being computed near 350 German Leagues, and, as they travel rarely above 3 Leagues a Day, it is thought, they will not be able to join the Army till Christmas. They are said to be the choicest Troops in the Russian Service, and all Foot.

The last Advices from Persia by the Way of Petersburgh, which are much fresher than those by the Way of Constantinople, say, that the new Shah, Nephew to the late Shah Nadir, is acknowledged in the Province of Chorasan, and in most of the Provinces that border upon the Caspian Sea; and that he was preparing to march with an Army to reduce Ispahan; towards which one of his Competitors was likewise advancing from the Province of Kerman, so that perhaps the next News we have may be that of a decisive Battle.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Canterbury, Nov. 21. On Thursday and Yesterday the Lord George Sackvill's Regiment of Foot, and the Regiment of Old Buffs, came to this City from Gravesend; the former are for the most part march'd for Dover, Deal, &c.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Nov. 16. Yesterday came up the London Trade, as did also a Dutch Man of War, that is to convoy Drumlanrig's Regiment to Holland. They are now lying below Inchkeith, a strong Westerly Gale hindering them from coming into the Harbour of Leith.

Edinburgh, Nov. 19. We have Advice from Strathspey, that John Grant, of Baltimore, Esq; a Gentleman possessed of every Virtue, was lately Shot at, while in Bed in his own House, under Cloud of Night, through a Window opposite to the Foot of his Bed; two Bullets were lodg'd in the Bolster-Piece on each Side, and within a few Inches where his Head lay. No Discovery has yet been made, who are the Actors of such a Piece of horrid Villany, though it is the unquestionable Duty of every good Man to detect them.

The same Letters say, there is good Authority, that John Roy Stewart died lately Abroad.

Last Saturday, died at her House of Nairn, in the 75th Year of her Age, the Right Hon. Margaret Lady Nairn. She was Daughter and Heiress of Robert Lord Nairn, Brother to the late Duke of Athole; and is succeeded by her Grandson, John Nairn, Esq; Captain in General Sinclair's Royal Regiment of Foot.

IRELAND.

Dublin, Nov. 17. The Parliament hath granted 500 l. to the Proprietors of the Colliery near Slane, which will be of the greatest Use in that Neighbourhood, where Firing is much wanted. The Parliament hath also granted 2000 l. for the Encouragement of fine Dundalk Linnens.

The Lord Lieutenant and Counsel of Ireland have published a Proclamation against the associating of Journeymen Weavers, or any other Tradesmen, to the Prejudice of their Masters, or the well-being of the Publick; and have given Directions to all Justices of the Peace Sheriffs, Officers Civil and Military, to seize and apprehend any Persons, who shall enter into Associations, or assemble in a riotous and tumultuous Manner in any Part of this Kingdom.

The Ship said to have been lately lost off the Harbour of Wexford, proves to be the Industry of Whitby, Joseph Corduck, Master, bound to London from Woutherat and St. Christopher's, was a new Ship, had 330 Hogsheads of Sugar on board, and some Indigo. The Cargoe is intirely lost, and the Ship broke to Peices.

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GLEETS and SEMINAL WEAKNESSES,

SO deſtructive to the Conſtitution, and ruinous not only to the unhappy Individual labouring under them, by draining away the Radical Moiſture or very Eſſence of Life, and inducing Conſumptions, Nervous Diſorders, &c. but to Poſterity alſo, inaſmuch as thoſe afflicted with ſuch Gleetings, if not wholy diſabled, as very many are, from propagating their Species, are yet render'd incapable of begetting any other than puny, miſerable, and ſhort liv'd Iſſue.

Theſe waſting Gleetings, occaſion'd by Self-pollution, exceſſive Venery, ſevere Purging for Venereal Injuries, or by violent Strains, &c. and which have been deem'd by almoſt all Phyſicians and Surgeons to be ſo very difficult to overcome, are now ſo certainly known to be directly, and in a manner at once perfectly cur'd by the Grand Reſtrictive Balſamick Electuary, that no one, how bad ſoever, need deſpair of being entirely ſet to Rights by it in a few Days.

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